OUTGOING TELEGRAM Department of State

INDICATE: ☐ COLLECT
☐ CHARGE TO

DECLASSIFIED
Classification

862

08657

For DCIT use only.

Origin

Info:

SENT TO: Amembassy ACCRA 862

Embtel 953

14 MAY 1982

1. Dept giving urgent consideration to possibility making statement on Volta project although it is difficult to see exactly what we can say at this stage that would be helpful in the circumstances.

US Govt willingness to assist in Volta Dam financing well known. Financing for Akosombo Dam cannot be completed by World Bank prior conclusion VALCO financing and any statement would have to take account of this conditional situation.

Dept and other interested agencies working actively on VALCO guarantees but highly undesirable in interest all parties concerned to make any public statement on this aspect. Opportunity for public statement might perhaps be Gbedemah visit which could be given prominent treatment and US readiness help Volta stressed.

[redacted]

Rusk (glp)

RUSK

845J.2614/2-1

LWS

Drafted by: AFW:CVFerguson,Jr
AFW:REisenberg:twa:2/17/61

Telegraphic transmission and classification approved by: AF - James K. Penfield

Clearances:

E - Mr. Kerr

IO - Mr. Tron (substance)

S/S - Mr. Veliotes

DECLASSIFIED
Classification

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"